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ITTEE: FUTURE WORK

1. SUMMARY: NEXT YEAR'S AGENDA FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL SUBCOMMITTEE EXPECTED TO COMPRISE: REMOTE SENSING; UN SPACE APPLICATIONS, PROGRAMS AND COORDINATION; UN OUTER SPACE CONFERENCE; GEOSTATIONARY ORBIT; SPACE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS AND OTHER MATTERS. ITEM ON SPACE NUCLEAR POWER COULD BE ADDED PENDING OUTCOME OF DISCUSSIONS IN FINAL WEEK OF THIS SESSION.

2. OPENING SESSION ON FEBRUARY 27, ON SUBJECT OF SUBCOMMITTEE'S FUTURE WORK, SOVDEL IN LENGTHY STATEMENT NOTED THAT FOCUS HAS BEEN PREDOMINANTLY ON REMOTE SENSING BUT THAT OTHER SUBJECTS DESERVE ATTENTION AS WELL. NOTED
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THAT THIS S & TSC COULD PROVIDE FOCAL POINT FOR INFORMATION ON SPACE ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS NOT ONLY TO COLLECT BUT ALSO TO ANALYZE, ASSESS AND DISSEMINATE SUCH INFORMATION.

3. SOVDEL SAID NEW TOPICS FOR CONSIDERATION OVER LONG TERM SHOULD INCLUDE: SPACE TRANSPORT CRAFT SUCH AS PROGRESS

AND SHUTTLE; SOLAR ENERGY STATIONS IN SPACE; ASPECTS OF SEARCH FOR EXTRATERRESTRIAL LIFE; CONSEQUENCES OF SPACE INDUSTRY AND SPACE MANUFACTURING; AND ASPECTS OF LARGE SPACE STATIONS INCLUDING MEDICAL AND BIOLOGICAL QUESTIONS RELATING TO MAN'S PERFORMANCE IN SPACE.

4. IN SHORT-TERM SOVDEL SUGGESTED ADDRESSING METEOROLOGICAL, COMMUNICATION, AND NAVIGATION SATELLITES AS WELL AS OTHER RESEARCH FROM SATELLITES. HE RAISED QUESTION OF USE OF SPECIALIZED SYSTEMS SUCH AS GEOLOGICAL SATS, AGRICULTURAL SATS, OCEAN STUDY SATS, ETC. AND ASKED IF THIS IS THE PROPER PATH TO FOLLOW. SUGGESTED THAT S & TSC LOOK AT A FIVE YEAR PLAN OF WORK IN VIEW OF LENGTH OF TIME REQUIRED TO DISCUSS ANY SPECIFIC SUBJECT. ALSO PROPOSED ROTATING AGENDA ITEMS SO THAT, FOR EXAMPLE, GEOSTATIONARY ORBIT WOULD NOT BE DISCUSSED NEXT YEAR BUT CARGO TRANSPORT IN SPACE MIGHT BE. GSO COULD BE TAKEN UP AGAIN WHEN MORE INFO IS AVAILABLE AT A LATER TIME.

5. INDIAN DEL CITED NEED TO SHARPEN FOCUS IN S & TSC ON PARTICULAR PROBLEMS. HE SAID THE TIME HAS COME TO INVOLVE OTHER DISCIPLINES SUCH AS ANTHROPOLOGY IN DISCUSSING IMPLICATIONS FOR MANKIND OF LIFE IN SPACE. ECONOMISTS ARE ALSO NEEDED IN THE WORK OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE. SPACE PROGRAM COSTS ARE ENORMOUS AND THE BENEFITS AND IMPLICATIONS NEED TO BE ASSESSED.

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6. USDEL VOICED GENERAL AGREEMENT WITH USSR AND INDIA THAT A FEW OTHER TOPICS SHOULD BE TAKEN UP APPROPRIATE AND SUGGESTED THAT EARLY BENEFICIAL DISCUSSION COULD ADDRESS: TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS FOR SPACE; RADIO ASTRONOMY (COMPATIBLY WITH ITU/WARC), AND SPACE SYSTEMS FOR SEARCH AND RESCUE.

7. USDEL STRESSED NEED FOR S & TSC TO RETAIN PERSPECTIVE AND AVOID SEEKING TO BECOME A PROGRAM PLANNING FORUM. IN DEALING WITH INFO ON PROGRAMS THE SC COULD ABSTRACT, DISCUSS, ANALYZE IN A RELEVANT WAY AND DISSEMINATE INFO ALONG WITH VIEWS OF GOVERNMENTS AND THE SC OR PARENT COMMITTEE.

8. FRENCH DEL COMMENTED THAT PROGRESS HAS BEEN SLOW. ONLY WITH RESPECT TO CONFERENCE ON OUTER SPACE HAS THERE BEEN PROGRESS IN THIS SESSION. WE SHOULD HAVE MORE DISCUSSION AND FEWER MONOLOGUES. FOCUS SHOULD BE ON 2 OR 3 ISSUES AND THEY SHOULD BE DISCUSSED AND RESOLVED.

9. ARGENTINEAN DEL RECOMMENDED FOCUSING ON A LIMITED NUM-

BER OF ISSUES OF MAJOR IMPORTANCE INCLUDING: ATTEMPTS AT COMMUNICATIONS WITH EXTRA-TERRESTRIAL LIFE AND THE USE OF BALLOONS IN RESOURCE SURVEYING (WHICH ARE APPARENTLY OF MAJOR IMPORTANCE IN ARGENTINA).

10. USDEL SUPPORTED DELETING THE GEOSTATIONARY ORBIT QUESTION FROM NEXT YEAR'S AGENDA SAYING THAT THE S & TSC HAD DONE ALL IT COULD USEFULLY DO UNLESS ASKED BY THE COMMITTEE TO DO MORE.

11. COLUMBIAN DEL NOTED THAT GSO IS A LEGAL QUESTION AND THAT SECRETARIAT STUDY ALREADY DONE DOES NOT RESOLVE THE PROBLEM.
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12. INDIAN DEL WANTED TO KEEP ITEM CONCERNING UN CONFERENCE ON SPACE ON NEXT YEAR'S AGENDA AS SUBCOMMITTEE MAY BE ASKED TO DO MORE WORK.

13. CHAIRMAN CARVER SUMMARIZED SUBSTANTIVE AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT YEAR AS; REMOTE SENSING; SPACE APPLICATIONS PROGRAM AND COORDINATION WITHIN UN SYSTEM; UN OUTER SPACE CONFERENCE (THE PARENT COMMITTEE WILL BE ASKED TO INDICATE SPECIFIC WORK TO BE DONE BY); GSO (PARENT COMMITTEE AND LEGAL SUBCOMMITTEE TO BE ASKED IF THEY HAVE ANY ITEMS TO BE ADDRESSED BY S & TSC); SPACE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS; OTHER MATTERS, INCLUDING VARIOUS WORK IN PROGRESS, SEARCH FOR EXTRATERRESTRIAL INTELLIGENCE, NATIONAL REPORTS; AND REPORTS BY COSPAR AND IAF.

14. USDEL REQUESTED AND CHAIRMAN AGREED THAT FUTURE AGENDA BE CONSIDERED AGAIN TO POSSIBLY INCLUDE MATTERS RESULTING FROM FURTHER DISCUSSIONS AT THIS SESSION, IMPLYING THAT THE AGENDA FOR NEXT YEAR COULD INCLUDE AN ITEM ON NUCLEAR CONFIDENTIAL

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POWER IN SPACE. DISCUSSION ON FUTURE WORK WAS THUS NOT COKNCLUDED. YOUNG

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